

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

REGULAR SESSION:

The September 1, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the San Rafael Middle School, 390 West 500 South, Ferron, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Royd Hatt, Kenzi Guymon, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

A1. The Hornshadow CRA project was discussed with the proposal of additional acreage to the plan. The disbursement of tax revenue from the solar projects received was also discussed.

REGULAR SESSION:

B1/B2: President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

C1: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board an update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High Field construction projects. He reviewed the status of the schedules, expenditures to date, and upcoming tasks in the next month. For the Emery High Fields, the targets are stadium to be done by October 1st for Homecoming game and the sod to be planted within a week on the softball and baseball fields to allow growth before winter. Ferron Elementary will have masonry complete in November with steel arriving in December.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Royd Hatt for the a) August warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for August 5, August 11, and August 25 meetings was made and seconded by Kenzi Guymon with all approving.

D2: Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Jasalene Hackwell Teacher 1st Grade Cottonwood Elementary
- Kialey Hatch Teacher 1st Grade Ferron Elementary
- Courtnee Justice Secondary Instruction Coach New District Position
- Josie Childs Preschool Aide Cottonwood Elementary
- Karen "Alisha" Roberts Special Education Aide Green River High
- Kimaree Howland ESL / Title I Aide Green River High
- Christella Lake Social Worker San Rafael Middle School
- Tammy Payne Teacher Aide Huntington Elementary

Royd Hatt motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Todd Huntington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

D3: Additional teachers are added to the District's Specific Licensing Plan. Minor changes from the State regarding the Special Education programs was explained by Yvonne Jensen. Royd Hatt motioned to table this item until next meeting when an additional hiring is anticipated. Todd Huntington seconded with all in favor.

D4: A plan for the District's Special Education Policies and Procedures was presented by JR Jones. This plan is State required, but Emery's plan focuses on Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses which was also a topic for training earlier this summer. This plan has now been approved by USBE. Todd Huntington made the motion to approve and seconded by Marie Johnson with all voting in favor.

REPORTS:

E1. The Principal Report was given by Jarett Gilbert, principal, from San Rafael Middle School. Doug Mecham, secondary supervisor, introduced Jarett Gilbert as the new principal at SRMS and also as a graduate from Emery High. Jarett has taught at SRMS for 16 years and truly cares for the students at this school and they reciprocate that feeling to him. Jarett indicated that testing has begun to mark baselines for math, language arts, and reading using several purchased educational software. This will give data for growth measurements throughout the year. A project for SRMS is to give academic accountability to the students using a quick survey weekly. This lets them make educational goals for themselves and watch their progress with weekly checks. Reading informational text is a big part of helping students read and comprehend non-fiction. The BARK program focuses on what the letters stand for: Behavior, Attitude, Responsibility, and Kindness. Jarett is excited about the extra social/emotional services that Christella Lake, a new LCSW position, will provide for the school. A challenge for the school is filling teacher aide positions as well as finding sufficient number of substitutes.

F2. The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, opened by saying thank you and recognizing employees who have found employment elsewhere and to also recognize our many new hires. The beginning of the school year is his favorite time of year. He finalized by expressing thanks to all district employees for their efforts to begin a successful school year.

F3 A new scholarship opportunity has been given to the District Foundation from S. Gale and Verna L. Chapman. Business Administrator, Jackie Allred, reported their generous donation of \$20,000 will be shared with students from Emery High with financial needs to further their education path for the next 20 years at \$1,000 each year.

F4: No Committee reports were given as no meetings were held this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (E): No comments were made.

CLOSED MEETING (F): At 8:03 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Todd Huntington Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the San Rafael Middle School, September 1st, 2021, beginning at 8:10 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also present along with District Supervisors: Doug Mecham, Yvonne Jensen, JR Jones, and Doug Johnson.

A motion from Kenzi Guymon to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT (G): A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Todd Huntington to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)

I, Tracey Johnson, President of the Emery County School District Board of Education, certify and swear that the sole purpose of the above closed executive session was to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals. Under the code referenced above, a closed executive session discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual is exempt from recording requirements and therefore, this closed executive session was not recorded.

Tracey Johnson